

LANDED ESTATES (IRELAND).

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 10 February 1872;—for,

RETURNS "showing the Number of ESTATES sold, or to which Declarations of TITLE have been granted by the LANDED ESTATES COURT, IRELAND, since the passing of the Record of Titles (Ireland) Act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 88), and the Aggregate Value of the LAND comprised thereunder; the Number of TITLES recorded under the Record of Titles (Ireland) Act; the Number of TITLES withdrawn by direction of the Proprietors from the Operation of that Act; the Number of TITLES remaining subject thereto; and the Aggregate Value of the LAND comprised thereunder;"

"And, of the Number of TRANSFERS, MORTGAGES, LEASES, and other Dealings completed in each Year under the Provisions of the said Act; with an approximate Estimate of the cost of each such Dealing, and of the Time required for completing the same, up to the 1st November 1871.

Number of estates sold, or to which declarations of title have been granted by the Landed Estates Court, Ireland, since the passing of the Record of Titles (Ireland) Act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 88) to 1st November 1871	-	1,483
Aggregate Value of the Land comprised thereunder	- - £.	7,332,649
<i>N.B.</i> —Number of conveyances of estates sold and declarations of title executed by the court within same period	- - -	3,349
Aggregate Value of Land comprised thereunder	- - £.	8,247,430
Number of titles recorded under the Record of Titles (Ireland) Act during same period	- - -	493
Number of titles withdrawn from the operation of that Act	- - -	4
Number of titles remaining subject thereto	- - -	489
Aggregate Value of the Land comprised thereunder	- - £.	1,708,826

Of the above four titles two were withdrawn by direction of the proprietors, and in the other two cases the Record was closed by direction of the court, as the estates comprised thereunder were merged in a large property sold in the court. In addition to the above, two subdivided pieces of a small property having been sold and transferred on the Record, the purchasers withdrew them from the operation of the Act.

Number of Transfers, Mortgages, Leases, and other Dealings completed in each Year under the Provisions of the said Act.

From passing of the Act to 1st November 1866	-	-	-	-	-	6
From 1st November 1866 to 1st November 1867	-	-	-	-	-	25
From 1st November 1867 to 1st November 1868	-	-	-	-	-	37
From 1st November 1868 to 1st November 1869	-	-	-	-	-	34
From 1st November 1869 to 1st November 1870	-	-	-	-	-	47
From 1st November 1870 to 1st November 1871	-	-	-	-	-	30
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	179

The recording officer has no means of knowing whether the parties adopt and act upon the published Schedule of Fees to Solicitors under the Act. It is probable that the costs are in most cases framed on the old scales usual in the profession, so that the saving of expense will arise chiefly from the fact of no "searches" being required, and from the reduced

reduced length of the deeds. By far the greater number of transfers, charges, &c., brought into the office are short, containing no recitals, and very few, if any, covenants.

The time required for completing a transfer, charge, or other dealing is very short. Transactions have been begun and ended within the hour, although it usually happens that delay is interposed from the absence of one of the parties, or from the difficulty of procuring stamps for the payment of the authorised fee, or from the non-production of the duplicate or instrument of title (under Section 19 of the Act), which is sometimes at a distance, or in the hands of a mortgagee.

S. J. Lynch,
Registrar.
R. Denys Urdin,
Recording Officer.

Landed Estates Court, Dublin,
13 May 1872.

LANDED ESTATES (IRELAND),

RETURNS showing the Number of Estates held
or to which Descriptions of Tyrres have been
granted by the Landed Estates Court, Dublin,
since the passing of the Board of Titles (Ireland)
Act (28 & 29 Vict. c. 86) to 1st November 1871,
and the Average Value of the Lands entered
therein; the Number of Tyrres Received; the
Number of Titles Withdrawn, &c.; and, of the
Number of Transfers, Mortgages, Leases,
and other Dealing completed in each Year under
the provisions of the said Act; &c.

(Mr. Tammes.)

Ordered, by the House of Commons, to be Printed,
28 May 1872.